

## *Blessed Robert Grissold Catholic Church, Balsall Common*

**25<sup>th</sup> August 2024, Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time**

*“Who shall we go to? You have the message of eternal life”*

**The Pope’s Prayer Intention:** We pray that political leaders be at the service of their own people, working for integral human development and for the common good, especially caring for the poor and those who have lost their jobs.

**Response to the Psalm:** Taste and see that the Lord is good.

**Confession:** 5.15-5.45pm Saturday at St Francis Church, Baddesley Clinton, or by arrangement.

**Last week’s Collection:** Loose plate/Envelopes £55.34, Standing Orders £374, Total £429.34.

**Midweek Mass** at BRG on Tuesday this week at 7pm

**BRG Church 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebrations (Parish Meal):** 2024 marks the 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the opening of our Church. The first celebration will be on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> September when we are planning a Parish Meal. It will be a Pork Supper with Entertainment! Bring your own drinks. The cost will be £10 adults, £5 for children. We will be collecting names and money after Mass on Sundays. Other planned events this year are:

- Mass with The Archbishop (date to be confirmed).
- Parish Quiz Night - 23<sup>rd</sup> Nov 2024
- Youth Mass (followed by a party for the youth and children) – 24<sup>th</sup> Nov 2024 (Youth Sunday)

**Celebration Mass for Fr Bernard McDermott’s Golden Jubilee** is being held at St George & St Teresa Dorridge on Sat 14<sup>th</sup> Sept at 10am. If anyone is interested in attending please give your name to Joe Martin for catering purposes.

**New Parish Clusters:** It has been recommended that Parishes form new clusters with neighbouring Churches in order to offer mutual support, encouragement and to pool the many strong resources we have of skills and abilities. BRG has been clustered with Dorridge. The Parish Council will meet to discuss this on Tues 10<sup>th</sup> Sept after the 7.00pm Mass.

**New Lectionaries** We are required to purchase new Lectionaries in time for Autumn. These come as a four-volume set and cost £695. Donations towards the cost or the purchase of a volume for dedication to a loved one would be very welcome. Please see Fr Frank if you are interested in contributing to the cost in either of these ways. Thank you.

**Parish Office:** Please be aware that Sara’s hours will reduce and vary over the school summer holidays.

**Volunteer Rota Vacancies:** A huge thank you to those parishioners who have put their names forwards for parish volunteering roles over recent weeks. We still do have some vacancies, including a new Treasurer, more people for the cleaning rota, volunteers for the Maintenance Committee and another editor for the rota for this weekly bulletin! For more information please contact Fr Frank at [fr.frank.smith@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:fr.frank.smith@rcaob.org.uk)

**March for Life 2024** Come and join the thousands walking in the annual UK March for Life in central London on Sat 7<sup>th</sup> September 2024. Day-return coach trip, leaving St Dunstan’s, Kings Heath (pick-up Institute Road) at 7.40am, and St Augustine’s, Solihull (pick-up Herbert Road) at 8.00am returning for 7.30/45pm. Adults £25, Under 16’s £12.50. Seats reserved on payment. Contact Brian Healy on mob: 07726311261

**Annual Pilgrimage to Harvington Hall**, Shrine of the English Martyrs, will take place on Sun 1<sup>st</sup> Sept 2024. This year the principal celebrant will be The Right Reverend Paul Gunter OSB, Abbot of Douai Abbey. Mass: 3.00pm. Confessions: 1.45pm – 2.30pm. It is essential that you bring your own chairs and packed lunch

**Diocesan Novena to Blessed Dominic Barberi.** This past week has been the annual Novena of Prayer for the Cause of Blessed Dominic Barberi is a moment to pause and to appreciate the work of this holy Passionist in our Archdiocese and to pray for his Canonisation. In our Archdiocese his memory is held in special regard and each year we pray a Novena of Prayer asking God to grant a miracle of healing through the intercession of Blessed Dominic, which could further his cause for Canonisation. Please pray the Novena during the nine days from August 18 until August 26. It can be prayed in the parish or at home.

**Novena Prayer for the Canonisation of Blessed Dominic Barberi:** *O God, who so lovingly raised Blessed Dominic to the heights of holiness, learning and apostolic zeal and made him a powerful minister of your mercy, listen to our humble request. We pray that you will in your goodness, grant a miracle through the intercession of Blessed Dominic, so that the Church may further honour him on earth and that many more people will come to know and invoke the help of this faithful servant of the Church. We ask this through Christ Our Lord. Amen. Mary, Mother of Holy Hope, Pray for Us. Saint John Henry Newman, Pray for Us. Blessed Dominic Barberi, Pray for Us.*

**Anniversaries this week:** Baby Clara Corinne Power and Clara Corinne Power.

**Your prayers are asked for those who are sick and their carers:** Maggie Ellis, Maureen Carroll and Martin Sheehy.

If you would like someone to be named on our list of those who are sick, please contact David Green ([david.monica@btopenworld.com](mailto:david.monica@btopenworld.com)) or complete the online form (under Parish Life) on our web site.

**Notices for the Bulletin:** Please send all notices for the bulletin to David Green by 7.00 pm on **Thursday** at [david.monica@btopenworld.com](mailto:david.monica@btopenworld.com)

**This Weeks Rota Arrangements for Mass at BRG**

<b>Date &amp; Time:</b>	25 <sup>th</sup> August 9.30am	1 <sup>st</sup> September 9.30am
<b>Day:</b>	<b>Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	<b>Twenty-Second First Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>
<b>Celebrant:</b>	Father Frank	Father Frank
<b>Intention:</b>	Mary McKeown (RIP)	Father Frank
<b>Wardens:</b>	Eileen Selby & Elizabeth Power	Dominic & Teresa Green
<b>Readers:</b>	Nuala Fulham	Louise Perry
<b>Tea &amp; Coffee:</b>	Bridget Harrison & Ann Ostler	Chris Lynn & Mary Sharp
<b>Flowers:</b>	Kathy Jones	Bridget Harrison
<b>Counting:</b>	Carol Beck & Andrew Chesshire	Jean Henser & Chris Blewitt
<b>Music:</b>	Linda Chesshire	Instrumental Group
<b>Church Cleaning:</b>	Christine Plater & Nuala Fulham	Claire & Charles Keane
<b>Alter Linen:</b>	Bridgit Harrison	Anne Stewart
<b>Children's Liturgy:</b>	None during school holidays	None during school holidays

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**Parish website: [www.brgparish.org.uk](http://www.brgparish.org.uk)**

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